

## Life Before the Corona Virus Lockdown



My pages of photographs present a small ordered pictorial of beauty. The gardens, patches of nature interpreted by talented human beings, offer a desirable experience for the creator or visitor, providing a

living artwork that we can step into. The birds, which by chance we encounter in so many spaces thanks to a favourable environment or to migratory patterns that are repeated, are less accessible to us, as their presence is more fleeting, but are equally alluring & so desirable. The gardens & birds are alike as the “relationship” we establish with them gives us a brief or repeated glimpse of beauty that adds so much to our humanity. And so though most of these photos were not taken during this time of corona virus, they have provided a similar comfort for the viewer (myself primarily), as they provide the continuity that I desire, or that can be had by an onlooker.

I see then the photos of these Gardens & Birds as “an expression of creative skill which is visual” hopefully raising this “collection”, i.e., installation, to an art form. Though most of the photos and visits happened pre-pandemic, installation is a compilation of 15 years of observations, they have come together with the lockdown, as I had all the time needed to do this little package. Although I think my favourite art is “abstract,” this realism is

calming and has helped me to focus on the future, and then I calm down and refuse to let this rather barren time get me down.

Thanks to my husband who shares my interest in the two, the format has been shaped, and also I want to credit and thank Chris Chandler who helped me to name the birds (even the American ones which she humbly said “were not her area of expertise”) allowing me to be more precise than I would have been on my own.

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## Gardens of Southern England



Ascott, UK  
Ascott Yew Garden, Modern Sculpture  
in Hedge, 2007



Ascott, UK, Ascott Garden, Slate  
Sculpture, 2007



Ascott, UK Entrance to the Garden,  
2007



Ascott, UK, Ascott Garden, Weeping  
Cherry Tree, 2007



Ascott, UK, Ascott Garden, Yew  
Adhears to "All You Need Is Love",  
2007



Ascott, UK, Ascott Yew Spells Love,  
2007



Ascott, UK, Ascott Garden, Rothschild  
Family Fountain, 2007



Avebury, UK, Avebury Garden, Formal  
Arrangement of Yew & Water, 2007



Avebury, Avebury Garden, Pond &  
Irises, 2007



Grantham, Lincolnshire,  
Belton House, Formal Garden, 090207



Blickling, Aylsham, Norfolk, Blickling  
Hall Estate,  
Garden with Fountain, 2007



Great Chalfield, Great Chalfield  
Manor & Garden, Random Plantings in  
the Courtyard, 2007

## Gardens of Southern England



Chalfont, St. Giles, John Milton's Garden, 092008



Tonbridge, Kent, Penshurst Place, Home, 060708



Tonbridge, Kent, Penshurst Place, Fountain Statue, 060708



Tonbridge, Kent, Penshurst Place, Brian Resting By Tree, 060708



Tonbridge, Kent, Penshurst Place, Expansive Garden, 060708



Tonbridge, Kent, Penshurst Place, Judith Against the Wall, 060708



Tonbridge, Kent, Penshurst Place, Water Garden & Flowers, 060708



Oxfordshire, Rousham, Garden Entrance, 033008



Oxfordshire, Rousham, Church & Topiary In Cemetery, 033008



Oxfordshire, Rousham, Estate House & Surrounding Green, 033008



Oxfordshire, Rousham, Maze, 033008



Oxfordshire, Rousham, Park Memorial, 033008

## Gardens of Southern England



Mere, Wiltshire, Stourhead House & Landscape Garden, 2007



Mere, Wiltshire, Stourhead, Bridge in Garden Along Water Feature, 2007



Stourhead, Classical Temple, & Lake with Azaleas, 2007



Mere, Wiltshire, Stourhead Landscape Garden, Grotto, 2007



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Brian in Front of Church Ruins, 081107



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Dahlias, 081107



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Row of Box by Manor, 081107



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Brian Surrounded by Pine Tree Bonsai, 081107



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Flowers & Topiary, 081107



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Formal Rows of Topiary & Wild Flowers, Path to Garden Structure, 081107



Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, Nyman's Garden, Gardenia, 081107



Dorking, Surrey, Polesden Lacey, Rose Garden, 081107

## Gardens of Yorkshire



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Overlook of Main Garden Area, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Columned Lion Seating Area, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Rhubarb in Family Garden, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Variegated Alpine Flowers, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Alpine Greenhouse, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Variety of Wildflowers Form Tree Carpet, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Brian at Woven Horse, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Formal Garden with Sundial, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Poppies & Purple Pompoms, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Queen Mother's Lake, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Quarried Standing Stones, 061215



N. Yorkshire, Harlow Carr, Alpine Greenhouse Flowering Group, 061215

## Gardens of Yorkshire



N. Yorkshire, East Riddlesden Hall,  
Brian Walks Up to the Hall, 051515



N. Yorkshire, East Riddlesden Hall,  
Lush Pink Flowering Bush, 051515



N. Yorkshire, East Riddlesden Hall,  
Bright Red Blossoms on Wall-Creeping  
Bush, 051515



N. Yorkshire, East Riddlesden Hall,  
Brian Relaxing on Bench Surrounded  
by Box, 051515



N. Yorkshire, East Riddlesden Hall,  
Pond & Mallards on Grounds with  
Visitors, 051515



N. Yorkshire, East Riddlesden Hall,  
Lush Lace of Nature, 051515



N. Yorkshire, York, Breezy Knees  
Garden, Fountain Display, 070616



N. Yorkshire, York, Breezy Knees  
Garden, Topiary Butterfly, 070616



N. Yorkshire, York, Breezy Knees  
Garden, Lush Bushes in Flower,  
070616



N. Yorkshire, York, Breezy Knees  
Garden, Exotic Wildflowers, 070616



N. Yorkshire, York, Breezy Knees  
Garden, Brian on Giant Boots, 070616



N. Yorkshire, York, Breezy Knees  
Garden, Lupin Flourishing, 070616

## Gardens of Yorkshire



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Garden Fronting Estate House, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Garden Lilies in the Sunshine, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Zimbabwean Sculpture, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Stairs to Elevated Formal Garden, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Vibrant Red Peonies, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Stepped Walkway, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Rockery Arch of Stone, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Garden Pond Covered in Green, 070416



Harrogate, Newby Hall, Rockery Watery Trickle, 070416



Richmond, Millbank Garden, Brian on Narrow Path, 070116



Richmond, Millbank Garden, Brian Looking at Plantings, 070116



Richmond, Millbank Garden, B & B Facade & Garden, 070116

## Gardens of Yorkshire



Scampston, Palladian Bridge & Pump House, 072616



Scampston, Rotunda Interior of Conservatory, 072616



Scampston, Mix of Box Shapes, 072616



Scampston, Entrance Crocosmia "Spitfire" for Sale, 072616



Scampston, Judith Waves From Box Vantage Point, 072616



Scampston, Close-up on Large Purple Flowers, 072616



Scampston, Box Rows Against Flowering Plants, 072616



Scampston, Contrast of Thin Cones of Pink with Cloud-like Puffs, 072616



Scampston, Capability Brown's Role in the Garden, 072616



Scampston, Piet Oudolph's Symmetry in Hedges, 081518



Scampston, Yellow Daisies Surrounded, 072616



Scampston, Needlework of Richardson Conservatory, 072616



## Gardens of Cumbria



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Shaped Box Formality, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Aspect of Monkey Slipping Tree, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Red Rhododendron Flowers, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Looking Down on the Walled Garden, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Curving Maze Path in Stone, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Sundial Below Swooping Bird, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Wild Onion Budding, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Entry to Private Wing, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Brian at Giant California Redwood, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Path Past House, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Fountain Close-up, 070215



Grange Over Sands, Holker Hall & Gardens, Garden Wall & Trellis, 070215

## Gardens of Scotland



Inverary, Crarae, Molly Montrose  
Rhododendron, 060716



Inverary, Crarae, Brian at Stream,  
060716



Inverary, Crarae, Large Dog Fish  
Swimming, 060716



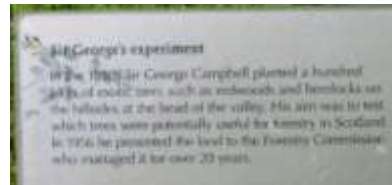
Inverary, Crarae, Skunk Cabbage in  
Wet Setting, 060716



Inverary, Crarae, Water & Sun on  
Stones, 060716



Inverary, Crarae, Carpet of Red  
Rhododendron, 060716



Inverary, Crarae, Sir George's Plan for  
the Garden, 060716



Inverary, Crarae, View of Sir George's  
House, 060716



Inverary, Crarae,  
Irises Framed with  
Green, 060716



Inverary, Inverary Castle, Outside  
Seating For Teashop Amidst Dense



Inverary, Inverary Castle, Yellow Lilies  
in Garden, 060816



Inverary, Inverary Castle, Haunted Old  
Mill Stone in Grounds, 060816

## Gardens of America



NYBG, Meeting Facility & Nymphs in Fountain, 050111



NYBG, Profusion of Flowers Amidst Rocks, 050111



NYBG, Bell-like Flowering Tree with Bee, 050111



NYBG, Rock Garden Daffs & Blue Flowers, 050111



NYBG, Orange Tulip Close-up, 050111



NYBG, Rock Garden Waterfall on Rocks, 050111



NYBG, Tree Wood, 050111



NYBG, Brian & Cherry Tree, 050111



NYBG, Visitors Enter the Glass House, 050111



NYBG, Formal Box Garden , 050111



NYBG,  
Clumped  
Foliated  
Tree,  
050111



NYBG, Stages of a Water Lily, 050111

## Gardens of America



NYBG, Multi-coloured Peonies,  
052514



NYBG, Rockefeller Rose Garden, Still  
Bare, 052514



NYBG, Thain Water Garden, 052514



NYBG, Wetlands & Wild Iris, 052514



NYBG, Walkway w Chipmunk & Nut  
Half Consumed, 081914



NYBG, Over View of Bronx River Thru  
Forsythia, 031812



NYBG, Rock Along the Bronx River,  
031812



NYBG, Irwin  
Perennial  
Garden,  
Close-up on  
Curling  
Cones,  
081914



NYBG, Irwin Perennial Garden, Fence  
w Blue Flowers, 081914



NYBG,  
Rock Garden,  
Flowing  
Water,  
081914



NYBG, Home Garden Center Trellises  
Amidst Edible Garden Offerings,  
081914



NYBG, Irwin Perennial Garden, Eastern  
Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly on Flower,  
081914

## Gardens of America



LI, NY, USA, Planting Fields Arboretum, Dahlia Close-up, 082612



LI, NY, USA, Planting Fields Arboretum, Coe Mansion Behind the Fountain, 082616



LI, NY, USA, Planting Fields Arboretum, Wildflower Garden, 082612



LI, NY, USA, Planting Fields Arboretum, Pool in Formal Setting, 082612



Mt. Pleasant, NY, Rockefeller State Park, Eighteen Turtles Sunning Themselves, 091414



Mt. Pleasant, NY, Rockefeller State Park, Cormorant Resting on Tree Stump in the Lake, 091414



Bernardsville, NJ, Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Center, About Vernal Ponds, 081014



Bernardsville, NJ, Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Center, Bee on Wild Bergamot, 081014



Bernardsville, NJ, Sherman-Hoffman Audubon Center, Monarch Butterfly on Bergamot Close-up, 081014



Bernardsville, NJ, Sherman-Hoffman Audubon Center, Butterflies Cavorting, 081014



Wells, Maine, Estuarine Research Center, Baby Red Squirrel Frozen in Place, 2018



Wells, Maine, Estuarine Research Center, Coastal View with Sculpture, 2018

## Gardens of America



Winnepesaukee, NH, The Fells, Brian & Garden Fountain, 2011



Winnepesaukee, NH, The Fells, Alpine Garden Irises, 2011



Winnepesaukee, NH, The Fells, Garden Sculpture of Heron, 2011



Winnepesaukee, NH, The Fells, Garden Torso Sculpture, 2011



Winnepesaukee, NH, The Fells, Garden View, 2011



Winnepesaukee, NH, The Fells, Wall, Figure & Seating Area with Plantings, 2011



Woodbury, CT, Glebe House & Jeckyll Garden, Close-up on Flowers, 061911



Woodbury CT, Glebe House & Jeckyll Garden, Plantings Amidst Paving Stones, 060119



Woodbury, CT, Glebe House & Jeckyll Garden, Trademark Herbaceous Borders, 060119



Woodbury, CT, Glebe House & Jeckyll Garden, From the Gate the Garden Begins, 060119



Woodbury, CT, Glebe House & Garden, House Accentuated by Bushes, 060119



Woodbury, CT, Glebe House & Garden, White Peony, 060119

## Gardens of America



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Mr. Shoelknopf's House, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Small Formal Box Garden, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Walking Along the Garden, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Mr. Shoelknopf & Visitor, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Overlooking One Pool, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Brian Examining the Water, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Lush Greystone Bush, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, View of the Walled Garden, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Brick Wall Separates Elements of the Garden, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Leaving the Walled Area, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Property As Purchased by Mr. Shoelknopf, 060119



Southbury, CT, Hollister House Garden, Small Waterfall, 060119

## American Birds



NY Botanical  
Garden,  
Hummingbird,  
2011



Sharon Audubon Centre, Hawk  
Soaring, 2011



USA, Basking Ridge, Mother Robin  
Sitting on Nest, 051417



Max Ernst, Bird, Portland, Maine, 2013



Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge,  
Young Osprey in Nest, 071310



Great Swamp, Basking Ridge, Black  
Capped Night Heron, 051417



Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, Mallard &  
Chicks, 070411



Wild Turkey, NY Botanical Garden,  
031812



Alley Pond Park, Queens, Oakland  
Lake, Mute Swan Pair,  
072614



Cormorant Resting on Branch,  
Rockefeller State Park, 091414



Red-bellied Woodpecker, Bent of the  
River Audubon Centre, Southbury, CT,  
051714



Block Island, Yellow Warbler Perched  
on Reeds in Wind, 052417



## American Birds



USA, Setauket, LI, West Meadow Beach, Piping Plover Camouflaged, 060117



USA, Block Island, Red-Winged Blackbird on Beach Scrub, 052417



USA, Basking Ridge, Great Swamp, Box Turtle Shows His Face, 052417



USA, Quogue Wildlife Sanctuary, LI, Bird Apartment with Several Visible Tenants, 051717



USA, Pittsburgh, Phipps Conservatory, Eurasian House Sparrow in Japanese Garden Stream, 051017



USA, Westerly, RI, Barn Island Wildlife Refuge, Cormorant on Distant Rock, 052717



USA, Westerly, RI, Barn Island Wildlife Refuge, Pair of Semi-palmated Plovers, 052717



USA, Westerly, RI, Kettle Pond Nature Reserve, Red Bellied Woodpecker, Looking for Grubs, 052717



USA, Woods Hole, Mass, Starling Looking Decked Out for a Party, 052317



Southbury, CT, Heritage Village, Lake View Area, Cardinal Watching a American Robin, 060319



Southbury, CT, Heritage Village, Lake View Area, Great Blue Heron Looking for Tadpoles, 060319



Queens, NY, Alley Pond Park, Great Egret Wading on the Hunt for Fish with Reflection, 051119

## American Birds



Queens, NY, Alley Pond Park, Tree Swallow Has Attracted Company, 051119



Southbury, CT, Heritage Village, Male Cardinal Lost in Thought, 060319



Southbury, CT, Fairfield University, Wild Turkey Resident, 041119



Southbury, CT, Heritage Village, Hawk Circling On a Hunt for Food, 053119



South Dakota, USA, Custer State Park, Sheridan Lake Road, Wild Turkeys, 090212



Smithtown, LI, Stump Lake, Gliding Swan & Reflection, 092814



Smithtown, LI, Stump Lake, As Many Birds As Fishermen, 092814



Maine, Saco-Biddeford Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, Yellowleg Wader, 2018



Roswell, NM, Bitter Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge, Pair of Blue-winged Teals, 2018



Roswell, NM, Bitter Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge, Cinnamon Teal Enjoying The Area, 2018



Roswell, NM, Bitter Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge, Migration Explained, 2018



Roswell, NM, Bitter Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge, Gathering of American Coots, 2018

## British Birds



Filey Dams, Ducks & Lapwings  
Socializing, 072616



Glesnevin Natl. Botanic Garden, Grey  
Heron Up Close Fishing, 090417



Glesnevin Natl. Botanic Garden,  
Carrion Crow Greyleg, 090417



Harlow Carr Bird Feeder, Nuthatch  
Feeding, 101715



Gargrave House, Front Lawn, Dead  
Heron, Beautiful in Death, 061715



Harlow Carr, Dead Crow in a Stream,  
061215



Filey Dams, Goose Close Up, 072615



Filey Dams, Moorhen & Chick, 072615



East Riddlesden Hall, Framed Bird,  
051515



Fountains Abbey, Banqueting Hall  
Crow Sculpture, 082915



Bempton Cliffs, Filey, Young Gannets  
On Cliff Face, 072616



Bempton Cliffs, Filey, Gannets Youth &  
Adult, 072616

## British Birds



Filey Dams, Noisy Greylags Patrolling,  
072616



Filey Dams, Lone Common Sandpiper  
Looking for Food, 072616



Filey Dams, Gathering of Herring Gulls,  
072616



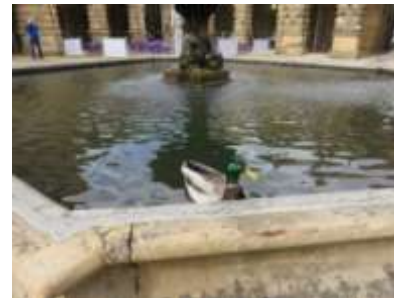
Robin Hood's Bay, Young Juvenile Gull  
on a Wall, 072716



Scampston Gardens, Mute Swan with  
Chick, Peaceful Sojourn, 072616



Isle of Skye, Grey Seals Cavorting &  
Resting at Low Tide, 061316



Chatsworth Fountain, Mallard Drake  
Has Style, 033017



Glasnevin Botanic Garden, Ireland,  
Grey Heron Up Close, 090417



Clumber Park Coot, Just Outside Nest,  
062317



Filey Dams, Ducks Floating Past  
Congregating Lapwings, 072616



Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire,  
Canadian Geese Socializing, 062317



Sizergh, Dabchick or Little Grebe Prior  
To Diving For Weed, 093017

## British Birds



Northern Ireland, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge Walk, Stonechat Resting on Berry Branch, 091319



Gargrave Canal, Mute Swan on Nest with Partner in Field, 042520



Nidderdale, Coldstones Cut, Lapwing Showing Head Plume, 060815



Harrogate, Harlow Carr, Chaffinch Resting in the Grass, 080118



Gargrave, Female Mallards, Eating Insects & Weed Voraciously in Markhouse Lane Stream, 090619



Gargrave House, The Drive with 2 Juvenile Grey Herons, 061520



Gargrave House, The Drive with 3 Grey Herons, 061520



Gargrave House, Great Tit in our Birch Tree, 061520